

MNC-5122
4 September 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- August

I. GENERAL

A. Relocation -- The architects preparing the plans for our new bureau completed the tender package at the end of the month, for issuance at the outset of September to 10 construction firms that have been invited to bid on the project. It is expected that the lease on the building site will be signed in mid-September, so that both lease and construction contract will be finalized before the end of this fiscal year.

B. The bureau held a small party on 23 August to mark the retirement of Senior Arabic Monitor [redacted] following 25 years' service. A message from the Director of FBIS was read to [redacted] who received the FBIS Retirement Plaque and a silver plate from her colleagues.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In response to an anticipated 24-hour strike at the BBC on 7 August and to the extraordinary Arab summit that was scheduled to be held in Casablanca on the same day, the bureau prepared detailed plans to assume London Bureau's coverage of Libyan, Moroccan, Tunisian and Algerian radios and press agencies. This involved extensive reception checks and the scheduling of additional staffing, which proved unnecessary in the event, as London maintained its Mahgreb coverage commitments.

2. The Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation, a new television station affiliated with the Phalangist Lebanese Forces, transmitted its formal inaugural broadcast on 23 August from Juniyah, north of Beirut. The station was first observed at Nicosia on 20 August broadcasting test transmissions. Although reception of its test transmissions had been fair to good, the actual inaugural broadcast was barely monitorable.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of U.S. Ambassador Richard Boehm, the bureau provided extensive excerpts of the Greek Cypriot archbishop's Assumption Day sermon, delivered on 15 August, which apparently provoked a harsh response from Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas.

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2. The bureau alerted appropriate embassy staff personnel to two Cypriot press reports on the arrival in Cyprus of a group of unidentified "saboteurs," who, it was reported, are planning to target foreign embassies for terrorist attacks. The reports appeared in the 3 August and 30 August editions of O FILELEVTHEROS and ALITHEA, respectively; both are independent dailies.

C. Technical

1. A new FM antenna was installed at the bureau. At the same time, a new headmast TV amplifier was installed, to improve UHF television reception.

2. No progress was made in August in our plans to transfer our remote installation from Kili to Lara because of numerous extended vacations taken by key CYTA personnel. We expect to reactivate the project in September. The same holds true of the installation of our new beverage antenna at Pissouri, for the same reason.

3. One JVC multisystem television monitor was purchased locally and pouched to Tel Aviv Bureau. A Sharp multisystem VHS videocassette recorder for Tel Aviv is now on order.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [] entered on duty on 1 August as an Arabic monitor trainee. STAT

2. Regional Engineer [] a month on R & R in the United States, from 3 August to 3 September. STAT

3. Bureau Chief [] went on R & R to the United States 8 August-3 September. STAT

4. Our new associate editor, [] entered on duty and began her training on 5 August. STAT

5. Arabic Senior Monitor [] retired effective 31 August.

B. Visitors

1. Headquarters Engineer [] spent 2-6 August at the bureau TDY in connection with our relocation project. STAT

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A/Chief, Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for August 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	272120
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	62040
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	960

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8565.00 min.	21420.00 min.	117.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA			
Beijing in			
Persian to Iran	0		
CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)			
(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in			
Arabic	16860		
*(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in			
English	1260		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in			
Arabic	17570		
CYPRUS			
Nicosia Domestic Service in			
Greek	5860		
*Nicosia Television Service in			
English	200		
*Nicosia Television Service in			
Greek	690		
*Nicosia ALLTHIN in			
Greek			270
Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in			
English			450
Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA in			
Greek			1160
Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA tis DHEFTERAS			
IN			
Greek			330
Nicosia I SIMERINI in			
Greek			2610
Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEFTERAS in			
Greek			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia KHARAVYI in Greek			1350
Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			100
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek			1660
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
*Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE in English			360
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	16210		
*Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic	7280		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		33860	
Cairo MENA in English		3060	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		22330	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	9520		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			2910
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			6140
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			3920
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			320
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			1620
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	53170		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
*Beirut Domestic Service in			
English	170		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in			
Arabic	38180		
Beirut Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified			
Lebanon in			
Arabic	2160		
Beirut AL_NAHAR in			
Arabic			3830
Beirut AL_SAFIR in			
Arabic			8480
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in			
English			4550
 LIEYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in			
Arabic	1800		
 TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul DUNYA in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul MILLIYET in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul TERCUMAN in			
Turkish			0
 UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in			
Greek to Cyprus	980		
Moscow in			
Persian to Iran	900		